

HOUSE RESOLUTION 287

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to commend Phillip J. Timp for his honorable service to his profession, community, and family.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Phillip J. Timp, husband, father, motivational speaker, successful corporate businessman, award-winning journalist, special education advocate, and executive director of The Beth Foundation, is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Timp serves with acumen and alacrity as senior vice president for The Corporate Image of Bristol. Renowned for counseling corporate executives on matters such as professional image development, he remains as committed to Christian principles and The Golden Rule in his professional life as he is in his personal life, and he has formed many lasting friendships and relationships through his sensitive, caring treatment of others; and

WHEREAS, Phil Timp has been blessed with a loving family, including his wife, Cindy, and their children, Beth, Katie, and Joseph; and

WHEREAS, Beth has Rett Syndrome, a disorder of the nervous system that leads to development reversal, and Phil Timp has, throughout her life, spent time caring and advocating for his daughter, ensuring her inclusion as an important member of society and teaching compassion and caring by his actions; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his experiences with his daughter, Mr. Timp founded The Beth Foundation to provide financial assistance to families with children with severe or rare disabilities and research funds to find a cure for Rett Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Timp feels that Beth and her illness are a gift that has exposed him to agape love and the constant presence of God in his life, and his motivational message, In All Her Silence, has helped thousands of people gain a new perspective on life; and

WHEREAS, In All Her Silence delivers a powerful message, as Mr. Timp reveals how through her drive to overcome daunting obstacles, Beth has become the power behind her family's successes; and

WHEREAS, a shining example of Christian character, Mr. Timp serves as an elder at Central Presbyterian Church of Bristol and led the 2011 Habitat for Humanity partnership initiated by his congregation; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman has rendered astute service as the board president of the Bristol Family YMCA and provided inspirational leadership to the organization; strongly committed to making Bristol a healthier place to live, Mr. Timp headed up the Bristol YMCA's Pioneering Health Communities project; and

WHEREAS, Phil Timp has been diagnosed with ALS, but he remains positive in his outlook and refuses to succumb to doubt, fear, or self-pity. Instead, he is sharing how God is working in his life today through a series of public addresses, which have been collected as *Silver Linings* and sold to benefit ALS research; and

WHEREAS, a man who has taught his family Christian values with a peaceful heart, Mr. Timp was recently nominated for a Leader in Christian Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Phillip J. Timp is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service, humble Christian charity, and professional excellence, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Phillip J. Timp for his honorable service to his profession, community, and family, pay tribute to his strength and resolve in the face of adversity, thank him for inspirational work with The Beth Foundation and other worthy organizations, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.